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ALBANIAN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS

A large concentration of defensive positions has been identified in and around the Port of Durres, Albania, [REDACTED] (Figure 1).

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A total of 708 pillboxes were observed in various stages of construction. Four hundred seventy-one of the pillboxes were positioned individually (Figure 2, top) while the remaining 237 pillboxes were positioned in 79 clusters. Each cluster contained three pillboxes interconnected by a precast concrete passageway (Figure 2, bottom). The pillbox defense line defends the port from attack from the Adriatic Sea and from the land to the east of the city.

The pillboxes consist of precast concrete parts assembled in an excavation and partially earth covered. At least three of the local concrete batch plants are producing the concrete parts.

An apparent underground tunnel network has been constructed in the hills northwest of the port. At least 24 tunnel entrances and two underground bunkers were identified. In addition to the underground complex, aboveground, precast concrete personnel shelters have been widely deployed throughout the city.

Other defenses in and around Port Durres include four antiaircraft artillery sites, four nearby coastal artillery bunkers, a strategically located storage area of 20 medium tanks, and at least 23 machinegun positions (not annotated) on the roofs of various buildings in the city.

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